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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found ANDREA COLLINS of Monticello, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Collins admitted to one count of violating the Code of Ethics. Specifically, Ms. Collins used her position as a Correctional Officer, to access the Department's inmate pay system to engage in text messaging with an inmate. Collins did so to fulfill her own prurient interests, which conflicted with her duties in the public interest. Collins used her position and access to inmates to violate the Department's policies. By engaging in such conduct, Ms. Collins failed to avoid conduct that would lead the public to conclude that she was using her official position to further her own private interest.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Collins agreed to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waives any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.